

What were two reasons for the disintegration of the Whig Party during the 1850s?

- 1) The issue of slavery, which divided the party along North-South lines
- 2) The nativist movement

What two provisions about slavery did southern senators add to the original Kansas-Nebraska Act?

The Missouri Compromise as it applied to Kansas and Nebraska was repealed, and the status of slavery in the two territories was to be decided by popular sovereignty.

What three groups formed the Republican Party?  
What was their unifying principle?

- 1) Northern Democrats, former Whigs, and Know-Nothings
- 2) All three groups believed slavery should be banned from the territories.

What was the reason for the election of a pro-slavery territorial government in Kansas?  
How did free-soil Kansas respond?

- 1) A pro-slavery government was elected due to large-scale election fraud by "border ruffians" who entered Kansas from Missouri and voted often.
- 2) Free-soil Kansas denounced it and elected their own free-soil territorial government.

What did the South threaten to do if the Republicans won the 1856 presidential election?

**Southerns threatened to secede from the United States**

**What was the Lecompton Constitution?**

The Lecompton Constitution was a pro-slavery constitution for Kansas that was written by a fraudulent constitutional convention.

**What were the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858?**

They were a series of seven debates held between Illinois Senator Stephen Douglas, who argued that popular sovereignty should dictate the slavery issue, and his electoral opponent Abraham Lincoln, who argued that slavery was a moral wrong.

**What was the "Freeport Doctrine"?**

The "Freeport Doctrine" was an argument by Senator Douglas in one of his debates with Abraham Lincoln. He argued that a territory could get around the Dred Scott decision by not passing the special laws that slave jurisdictions usually passed to support slavery.

Who were the main presidential candidates and what were their parties in the election of 1860?

1) Abraham Lincoln, Republican 2) Stephen Douglas, Northern Democrat 3) John Breckenridge, Southern Democrat 4) John Bell, Constitutional Union

What was Senator John Crittenden's proposal to preserve the Union?

He proposed an extension of the Missouri Compromise line to the Pacific and prohibition of federal interference with slavery where it already existed. It was defeated due to President Lincoln's stance against the spread of slavery.

What bills did the U.S. government pass during the Civil War to economically assist western farmers?

1) Homestead Act of 1862: Granted 160 acres to anyone who would farm it for five years  
2) Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862: Offered large amounts of land to states to set up "agricultural and mechanical" colleges

Which of the four candidates in 1860 obtained a majority of the popular votes?

None of the four candidates obtained a majority of the popular votes.